(a) what was the number of delegations sent to foreign countries, which were sponsored by his Ministry during the last three years;

(b) what was the total amount spent on these delegations yearwise and delegation-wise;

(c) what were the objectives and to what extent were these objectives achieved; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to restrict the visit of such delegations abroad ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(d) Instructions have been issued to all Ministries/Departments that the expenditure on foreign travel during 1990-91 should be limited to 75% of the actual expenditure in 1989-90 or current year's budget provision, whichever is less.

Grant of extension in service to the ITDC Chief

3453. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had granted an extension in service to ITDC Chief;

(b) if so, what was the period of extension and what were the reasons for granting extension;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ITDC chief has tendered his resignation recently; if so, what are the reasons for his sudden resignation; and

(d) whether the resignation has been accepted; if so, who is the next incumbent and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The period of extension was 6 months during which the selection of a successor is to be finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir. Shri R. K. Lakshman C&MD, ITDC has tendered his resignation dated 8-8-1990 on ground of compelling personal reasons.

(d) The resignation has been accepted and shall be effective from the afternoon of 14-9-1990. Action has been initiated in consultation with PESB for the selection of the new incumbent.

Advances made by NABARD under different heads

3456. DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has for the Rabi season of 1987-88 advanced Rs. 448 crores of refinance for IRDP scheme, Rs. 19 crores for forestry and Rs. 1979 crores to co-operatives and Regional Rural Banks for financing crop production;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Bank has exempted agricultural loans upto Rs. 25,000/- from penal interest in addition to conversion/reschedulement of crop loans in case of drought/flood hit areas; if so, what are the details thereof statewise; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that for 1988-89, the projected total refinance by the Bank is said to be Rs. 4760 crores under different heads; if so, what is the Statewise break up of these project outlays separately ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had released the following refinance assistance during 1987-88 for financing the crop production :—

(i) Rs. 447.90 crores for IRDP;

(ii) Rs. 19.13 crores for forestry;